

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Muthunadar P. Periasamy, et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 9, 2011, please consider the following remarks.

Interview Summary

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Samala for the courtesies extended during the January 25, 2012 telephone interview. During the interview, the present Restriction Requirement was discussed as detailed below. In summary, the Office has agreed to withdraw the Restriction Requirement in view of the reasons set forth in present Response, wherein Applicants have respectfully traversed the present Restriction Requirement.

Restriction Requirement

Restriction is required between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-4, 6, 10, 11 and 13-20, said to be drawn to an injectable radiological composition for x-ray visualization during radiological examinations; and,

Group II: Claims 27-35, said to be drawn to a composition for use in a diagnostic procedure, the composition comprising iosimanol and at least one monomer.

Applicants note that the "Disposition of Claims" section of the present Office Action Summary indicates that claims 1-4, 6, 10, 11, 13-20 and 27-35 are pending. Applicants respectfully point out that, in fact, claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 10-35 are pending, with claims 8, 12 and 21-26 being withdrawn. Applicants presume that withdrawn claims 8 and 12 are